

110TH CONGRESS  
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# S. RES. 166

Commemorating the lifetime achievement of the Reverend Leon H. Sullivan.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 23, 2007

Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER) submitted the following resolution;  
which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Commemorating the lifetime achievement of the Reverend  
Leon H. Sullivan.

Whereas the late Reverend Leon H. Sullivan dedicated his  
life to alleviating the plight of the poor and the disadvan-  
taged in America and worldwide;

Whereas Reverend Sullivan received numerous honors and  
awards during his lifetime, including recognition by  
LIFE magazine in 1963 as one of the 100 outstanding  
young adults in America, the Presidential Medal of Free-  
dom in 1992, and the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for  
Human Rights in 1999;

Whereas, having dedicated 37 years of his ministerial voca-  
tion to the historic Zion Baptist Church of Philadelphia,  
Reverend Sullivan's leadership and innovation led to the

creation of one of the largest congregations in the Nation during his time;

Whereas, in 1966, as part of his 10–36 Plan to encourage individuals to invest in the economic future of their communities, Reverend Sullivan founded the Leon H. Sullivan Charitable Trusts and the Progress Investment Associates, through which numerous economic development and social services programs have been developed and funded;

Whereas, in 1963, in response to a lack of job opportunities in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Reverend Sullivan led more than 400 ministers in a successful boycott that opened up more than 4,000 jobs for African-Americans;

Whereas Reverend Sullivan met the need for job training by establishing the Opportunities Industrialization Center, which has grown to more than 75 training centers throughout the Nation;

Whereas, recognizing the need to take his struggle to alleviate the plight of the poor abroad, in 1969 Reverend Sullivan established Opportunities Industrialization Centers International, which has grown to more than 40 centers in 16 African nations, Poland, and the Philippines;

Whereas, when Reverend Sullivan saw the need to create a broader array of programs in Africa, he established the International Foundation for Education and Self-Help, which has conducted numerous initiatives, including Schools for Africa, fellowship programs, and innovative teacher and banker training programs since 1988;

Whereas, in 2001, the Leon H. Sullivan Foundation was established posthumously to support Reverend Sullivan's

life's mission through the work of his many established organizations;

Whereas the Leon H. Sullivan Foundation presents the biennial Leon H. Sullivan Summits in Africa, which have provided a forum for leaders of African nations together with more than 18,000 African-Americans and Friends of Africa to interact with their counterparts and produce programs to meet the needs of the poor and disadvantaged in African nations;

Whereas, in 1977, Reverend Sullivan helped to promulgate the Sullivan Principles, a code of conduct for human rights and equal opportunity for companies operating in South Africa, and the Sullivan Principles helped end apartheid in South Africa;

Whereas Reverend Sullivan expanded on the Sullivan Principles in 1999, by creating the Global Sullivan Principles, which encourage corporate social responsibility and promote global human rights and political, economic, and social justice;

Whereas more than 250 governments, corporations, and universities on 5 continents have endorsed the Global Sullivan Principles since their initiation;

Whereas 10 African heads of state endorsed the Global Sullivan Principles at the Leon H. Sullivan Summit in Abuja, Nigeria, in July 2006; and

Whereas plans for the 8th Leon H. Sullivan Summit in Tanzania in 2008 include broader regional endorsement of the Global Sullivan Principles among African nations:  
Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1           (1) commemorates the life of the Reverend  
2       Leon H. Sullivan;

3           (2) salutes the positive impact of the Reverend  
4       Sullivan's achievements domestically and inter-  
5       nationally; and

6           (3) encourages the continued pursuit of Rev-  
7       erend Sullivan's mission to help the poor and  
8       disenfranchised around the world.

